

J'lem 'incomprehension' at Syrian nervousness

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir voiced his "incomprehension" yesterday at Syrian "nervousness", which, he said, had triggered several strong Soviet warnings to Israel in recent days.

In a conversation with the U.S. assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs, Richard Murphy, Shamir said it was patently clear that Israel had no aggressive designs and thus there was no call for nervousness on Syria's part.

Israeli sources said Shamir and Murphy had both assessed that Syria's reactions were a reflection of the ongoing internal tensions in Damascus because of the uncertain state of President Hafez Assad's health.

On the Iran-Iraq war, Murphy said there were signs of exhaustion on both sides. This, Murphy said, apparently accounted for Iraq's resort to chemical weapons, and it accounted for some recent thinking aloud by Iranian public figures about the wisdom of continuing the war indefinitely.

"The prime minister told Mr. Murphy that Israel has no interest in starting any fight with Syria or anybody else," the Foreign Ministry spokesman told reporters.

Shamir and Murphy condemned the alleged use of poison gas by Iraq in recent fighting, the spokesman added.

Iraq yesterday called on Arab na-

tions to help deter an expected Israeli attack on its industrial or scientific installations.

The official Iraqi news agency Ina said Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz sent a message to the Arab League on similar lines to one sent to the United Nations on Tuesday. This warned of a possible Israeli attack and urged the UN to shoulder its responsibilities.

Libya said yesterday it would confront any attack on its ally Syria by Israel or "imperialist forces" and called on other Arab countries to do the same.

Libya "considers any aggression on sisterly Syria a direct aggression on it and will confront it with all its capabilities," the Libyan Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the official Libyan news agency JANA.

Soldier wounded in S. Lebanon attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded yesterday in a grenade attack in Nabatiya. Five local residents were also injured in the attack when two grenades were thrown at an Israel Defence Forces armoured patrol in the centre of the South Lebanese town.

The IDF patrol opened fire and began searching for the assailants.



Immigrant high-school children, including some from Ethiopia, participate in a special programme at a Gaden Camp. (Mordechai Dekel)

Says 'grab tactics' being used

Weitz stalks out of settlement meeting

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The co-chairman of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department, Ra'anan Weitz, yesterday walked out of a stormy meeting of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, accusing its participants of approving the establishment of new localities in Judea and Samaria on the basis of "knap" (grab tactics) before the elections.

Pia Albeck, the attorney-general's representative, argued at the meeting that the sale of lands to facilitate the establishment of settle-

ments has not been finalized. Some members shouted that Albeck and her legal points were delaying settlement. Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel argued that settlement must be carried out quickly. "We're getting older. There are international problems. We must do a lot and fast," he was quoted as saying. But Albeck stood her ground.

Several hours later the committee put an end to a shouting match among some of its other members over the establishment of two more settlements in Samaria on land

whose ownership is not clear. The matter has been deferred until the Jewish planners prove they own the land.

The incident with Weitz took place minutes after the ministerial committee convened in Jerusalem for the second consecutive day. (On Tuesday the committee approved the establishment of four civilian settlements in Judea and Samaria and two in the Negev.)

Weitz, the Labour Party's representative in the WZO settlement body, read out a letter to the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

U.S. chides Israel over West Bank funds

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday chided Israel for often standing in the way of direct U.S. economic aid projects in the West Bank and Gaza District.

In a written statement, the department declined to comment specifically on a recent study by former Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti that concluded that some U.S. assistance slated for the Palestinians was actually being diverted by Israeli authorities to

promote Israel's settlement infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza.

"We have not had a chance to review the Benvenisti study and are, therefore, not in a position to make specific comments on it."

Referring to Secretary of State George Shultz's special interest in what he has described as "the human aspect of the Palestinian problem," the statement added: "It is important in our view that the Palestinians of the West Bank and

Gaza be permitted a stake in the development of those areas. We, therefore, believe that Israel should be more flexible in permitting them to undertake economic activity at their own initiative to develop local industry."

Over the years, the U.S. has made some \$34 million in economic assistance available to the West Bank and Gaza, most of it being channelled through private, voluntary organizations. Israel must approve specific projects.

Knesset c'tee raps Burg, Ivztan

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Members of the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday attacked Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arayeh Ivztan over the Assaf Hefetz suspension case.

Every member who spoke yesterday, except the chairman, called on Burg and Ivztan to resign, and accused the police of "whitewashing" the evidence to escape blame for having neglected vital intelligence information that could have prevented the harassment of Christian and Moslem religious institutions.

Chairwoman Shoshana Arbeli-

Almosino, while deprecating personal criticism of senior police commanders, complained that the report on the Hefetz case by Police controller Shmuel Eitan had been withheld from the committee for too long.

Suspended police officer Nitzav Mishne Assaf Hefetz has been charged in a police disciplinary court with leaking sensitive information to reporters. The High Court is considering an application from Hefetz seeking annulment of his suspension by the police.

Arbeli's colleagues said the committee had every right to pursue blue-pencilled sections of the Eitan report.

In the discussion, Labour's

Ya'acov Tsar said that Hefetz's suspension should be revoked since it reflected arbitrary treatment by his senior commanders.

Shinui's Mordechai Virshubski said that Burg and Ivztan had gone too far and must resign.

The Likud's Benny Shalit accused the police of "feeding Knesset members with mendacious information" and of treating the Interior Committee like "kids in a kindergarten." Shalit said that the MKs were not presented hard facts and original documents and were being told "a load of poppycock." He said that Ivztan and the head of the National Police Investigations division, Yehzekel Carthy, were "out-leaking everybody else."

Petah Tikva police chief resigns

PETAH TIKVA (Jlm). — The commander of the Petah Tikva police, Rav-Pakad Ya'acov Barda, has resigned from the force.

The police, announcing the resignation yesterday, refused to explain its cause, citing only "personal reasons."

The Central District Police spokeswoman refused to confirm that the resignation was connected to the arrest and interrogation of Petah Tikva's chief rabbi, following Orthodox protests against Sabbath cinema performances.

A spokesman at national police headquarters told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Barda has been wanting to resign for the past seven months and that in fact he recently asked to remain at his post so that his departure should not be construed as arising out of the religious-secular strife in this town.

800 hospital lab workers strike today

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight-hundred laboratory workers in the country's 40 government and municipal hospitals begin a two-day strike this morning to press their demand for the same pay and working conditions as their counterparts in Kupat Holim Clalit and other hospitals.

The strike was called by the

Union of Microbiologists and Biochemists, who say they notified the Health Ministry on March 16 of their intention to strike but that the ministry has refused to negotiate with them.

Since hospitals cannot function without laboratory staff, there will be no elective surgery or diagnostic tests and the outpatient departments will be crippled during the strike.

Gas strike ends in compromise

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nine-day-old strike of gas distributors in various parts of the country ended last night as a compromise agreement was reached with the gas companies on credit levels.

An arbitration committee to be set up within a month will make

recommendations on whether the distributors should be given more credit.

The chairman of the Israel Gas Distributors Association, Shimon Kradinsky, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that every effort will be made to deliver orders before Pesach sets in on Monday evening.

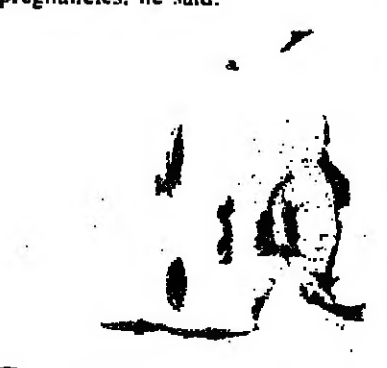
First birth from frozen embryo

MELBOURNE (AP). — Scientists who announced the birth of the world's first test-tube baby from a frozen embryo said yesterday they have 190 more frozen embryos awaiting implanting.

The birth of a healthy baby girl named Zoe was announced on Tuesday, two weeks after she was delivered by Caesarian section by the in-vitro fertilization team at Monash University. She weighed 2.5 kilograms.

"Both mother and baby are now well and breast-feeding has been established," Professor Carl Wood told a news conference yesterday. Scientists removed several eggs from the mother, fertilized them with her husband's sperm, and then stored them in a deep freeze to await implantation in the mother's womb. The announcement was delayed and the parents' identity was not revealed to protect their privacy, officials said.

Wood, head of the Monash team, said 230 embryos had been frozen to date. Forty embryos have been thawed and 23 survived and were implanted, resulting in four pregnancies, he said.



Zoe, the first baby born following the implant of a frozen embryo, is photographed in Melbourne yesterday, just two weeks old. (UPI telephoto)

The team spokeswoman said it was the world's "first authenticated birth" from a frozen embryo.

The mother had been unable to conceive for seven years and two operations to clear a fallopian tube blockage failed, Wood said, before she joined the programme in which eggs are removed and fertilized.

Wood said the new technique would make test-tube insemination easier and enable women with diseases that impair their ability to conceive to have children later.

"In potentially serious diseases affecting women, fertility may be ensured by storing embryos for future use," he said.

Australian scientists have become leaders in test-tube technology since the birth of the first test-tube baby in Britain in 1978. Australian scientists achieved the first test-tube twins, triplets, and quadruplets, the last all boys in January.

Levy, Nissim to negotiate Liberals resent Herut's bid to alter pact now

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier David Levy is due to meet Liberal leaders tomorrow in an effort to win their assent to an amendment of the 1965 agreement between Herut and the Liberals, which fixed the ratio between Herut and Liberal Knesset members. Levy will try to persuade the Liberals to accept a reduction in their representation gently at first, it was said.

After nearly 20 years of partnership with the Liberal Party, the pent-up Herut resentment has finally surfaced, and Herut is now officially reviewing the 1965 agreement.

The matter was entrusted to Levy after a long Herut central committee session that ended in the small hours of yesterday morning. But it is still far from certain that the Herut bitterness against the Liberals will be translated into action. Herut contends that the Liberals are undependable, disloyal, reckless, quarrelsome and grossly over-represented in the Knesset.

The Liberals yesterday suggested that any talk of re-examining the Gahal agreement be postponed till after the elections. In Herut this was categorically rejected, since by that time a new, large contingent of Liberal MKs will have entered the House, in their view, at Herut expense.

Discontent with the Gahal agreement has been rife in Herut since early elections were called. Herut members blamed the Liberals for the government's downfall, since it

was Liberal Yitzhak Berman's vote against the coalition that tipped the scales.

MK Yoram Aridor, chairman of the Herut secretariat — the party's top executive forum — invited the party's "elder statesman," Dr. Yohanan Bader, to the proceedings. For over an hour, Bader attacked Herut's Liberal partners' warning that they could cost the Likud the elections and pointing out that, while Herut MKs remained loyal to the Likud, the Liberals had often betrayed it, destabilizing every Likud government since 1977.

Bader touched a sensitive Herut nerve and his words were reinforced by speaker after speaker. No one uttered a word in the Liberals' defence. Four Herut ministers were present — Levy, Moshe Arens, Yigal Cohen-Orad and Haim Corfu — none of whom opposed the demands to amend the Gahal agreement.

Herut must act, if at all, in the month and a half left before Knesset candidates lists are filed. If it fails to change the agreement by then, the Liberals will again be represented on the list beyond their estimated vote-getting potential. In the Tenth Knesset they had 18 Knesset seats, and many observers believe that Herut brought in the overwhelming portion of the vote. Herut fears that if the Likud goes into opposition after July 23, the Alignment will seek to form a coalition with the Liberals. In Herut the Liberals are thought capable of such action and it is thought that the seats they will take with them will have been won by Herut votes.

The Liberal Party yesterday for the first time showed some ap- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Sharon faces crucial test in Herut today

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some time tonight it will become clear how much support Ariel Sharon can muster in Herut and how much of a threat he can be to his party's leadership on the eve of general elections.

One thousand Herut central committee members are to meet at the fair grounds this afternoon to choose between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Sharon as their leader in the coming elections. The outcome is not in doubt — Shamir is certain to beat Sharon. But Sharon's aim is not just to win, but to defeat Sharon by such a margin as to destroy his claim to special standing in Herut.

In a television interview last night, Sharon said he was fighting for the "first or second place" in Herut. The contest would enable him, he said, to regain a position of influence in affairs of state.

Sharon has moved his headquarters temporarily out of Herut headquarters in Metzuza Ze'ev and into offices in Jaffa, on the grounds that Metzuza Ze'ev is crowded. Sharon is said to be able to count on solid support from his Shomron faction, which numbers some 90 committee members.

There is also the problem for Shamir of members who bolted Herut to join Tebiya three years ago but are nominally still committee members. Unless the Shamir side manages to disqualify them, they, too, could add to Sharon's support. It is also thought that Sharon might draw votes from a wide variety of committee members who are discontented, as well as from some of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy's supporters.

The anti-Sharon majority admits that he could garner up to 25 per cent of the vote. Any more than that will be a real achievement for him.

The vote will begin at 4:30 this afternoon in 20 voting booths. It will be a secret vote in which the members will be asked to pass in a ballot bearing either Shamir's or Sharon's name. A last-minute worry has been the fact that yet another candidate has cropped up — an unknown lawyer named Arye Cheretok, who claims that he is a serious candidate for the Herut nomination for premier. He is not taken seriously by anyone else, but threatens to go to court if his name does not appear on the ballot.

The voting is supposed to be over by about 8 p.m. and results are to be announced by 10.

No progress on level of Israel-Greek relations

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There was no progress on the question of normalizing diplomatic relations in a day of talks between senior Greek and Israeli officials yesterday. But the Israeli side was nevertheless satisfied with the general tenor of the talks and with Greece's evident readiness to improve relations in other fields: trade, agriculture and culture.

The political director of the Greek Foreign Ministry, Nikos Katapodis, told his Israeli hosts that the time was not ripe to raise the level of diplomatic relations to that of full ambassador. (The two countries' envoys have the lesser status of "diplomatic representative.")

Katapodis stressed, though, according to Israeli sources, that Greece is interested in developing



Nikos Katapodis (Scoop 80)

ties with Israel in various fields. He said that the Greek government and people have a warm admiration for Israel and its achievements.

Katapodis met with Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche and senior aides Ze'ev Sufot and Yeshayahu Anug for a long working session at the ministry.

The talks continued over lunch. Today Katapodis and his party will visit Beth Hatefutsoth in Tel Aviv and Kibbutz Na'an, and will attend an Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert in the evening.

Gorbachev gets No. 2 post in Kremlin

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet Communist Party chief Konstantin Chernenko was yesterday appointed head of state, a mainly ceremonial post that consolidates his authority as national leader.

Chernenko, 72, was unanimously voted chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, which carries the title of president, at a new session of the legislature. The office had been vacant since the death of Yuri Andropov two months ago.

Looking fit and tanned, Chernenko grinned broadly and clasped his hands above his head in a victory salute when the two-chamber Soviet parliament followed its vote with a standing ovation.

Chernenko was formally proposed to the session by Politburo member Mikhail Gorbachev, regarded as his principal rival, shortly after the parliament publicly confirmed his own position as number two in the Kremlin.

Gorbachev, 53, was elected chairman of the foreign affairs com-



Mikhail Gorbachev (Camera Press)

mittee of one of the Soviet's two chambers. This post has traditionally gone to the Politburo member responsible for ideology, the most powerful position after the leader himself.

Gorbachev was considered to have been Andropov's own choice as his successor. His promotion has made it clear that the leadership has struck a balance that gives the younger "Andropovites" a continuing strong role in running the country, diplomats said.

In his brief acceptance speech, Chernenko proposed the re-election of Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov, 79, who was then endorsed by the Soviet.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Archie Sherman of Britain was named Founding Father of Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. In a ceremony attended by the Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, the directorate of Keren Hayesod and other public figures, Sherman was honored for the assistance he has given in raising funds for the hospital's new three-story out-patient building. Dr. Mordechai Varon, director of Assaf Harofeh, said that without Sherman the project could not have been accomplished. Sherman attended the ceremony with his family, including his grandson Anthony who is Bar-Mitzva this week.

Meridor stands by his energy invention

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Economic Minister Ya'acov Meridor yesterday predicted that next month's Jerusalem Economic Conference would be "the most important economic development in Israel's history."

Meridor said that Israel could raise its exports to the level of \$10 billion during the coming decade, at which point it would not need U.S. economic assistance. "We'd be independent and free," he said.

Meridor also insisted that once his mysterious invention to save energy is fully developed, it will enable Israel to eliminate its oil imports from Egypt.

Morning passenger train service, Acre-Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — An early-morning passenger train service from Acre to Jerusalem is to start today, the Israel Railways spokesman announced.

The train will leave Acre at 6.17 a.m., stopping at Kiryat Motzkin, Kiryat Haim and Haifa.

HOME NEWS

Bureau of Statistics:

Imports down in March; oil, rough diamonds up

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Figures published yesterday show that while 1983 imports are down from their 1982 level, there are signs that the drop in imported goods of the last few months is slowing down. Moreover, some items are being imported at an even higher level than in 1983.

According to the figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, imports for the first quarter of this year totalled \$2,036 million, 2.5 per cent more than the figure for the first quarter of 1983, when they amounted to \$1,986m.

In March, there were \$743m. worth of imports, a 7 per cent rise over March 1983, when imports totalled \$693m.

According to the CBS figures, the increase in imports was caused by a sharp increase in purchases abroad of fuel totalling \$386m., up by 20 per cent over Jan-March 1983, and rough diamonds, totalling \$255m., up by 20 per cent. Excluding these two items, there was a 2.5 per cent drop in imports during the first three months of the year.

Economic observers pointed out that the figures for the first three months of the year cast doubts on the feasibility of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's plans for a 10 per cent drop in imports during 1984. The observers added that the latest government monetary injections (\$175 billion in the last six months) will encourage the demand for imports in the coming months.

But Treasury officials were more optimistic. They told *The Jerusalem Post* that during the first three months of the year, 7 per cent fewer consumer goods were imported than in the same period in 1983. This included a 42 per cent drop in the import of private cars.

According to the CBS, during the first quarter of the year the monthly average of imports (excluding ships and aircrafts) dropped 8 per cent from their level in the previous three months.

The CBS added that seasonally adjusted figures for the last five months showed that the average level of imports of consumer goods stood at \$50m., to \$60m., as compared with \$80m., to \$90m. in the first nine months of 1983.

Bonds issue by 'auction' scores less than a success

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "What is surprising is not that this issue flopped, but that last week's was a success." This was the reaction of one financial analyst to the failure of the Bank of Israel's latest offering of dollar-linked bonds yesterday.

The bank was offering a new issue in the Gilboa series of floating-rate dollar-linked bonds with a sum nominal value of \$1.5 billion. It was the first such issue to be sold by public auction. According to this method, the bidders determine the price themselves — each sets a price above which he is unwilling to buy any of the offering.

New regulations established by the Knesset Finance Committee two weeks ago stipulate a minimum price of \$90 for the auction of such issues.

The price fixed for yesterday's sale was \$92, and as a result the bids the bank received totalled only \$582 million, or less than 40 per cent of the amount offered. No explanation for the adoption of the auctioning procedure was given by the Bank of Israel.

The fact that most of the issue remained unsold led most observers to regard it as a failure. It will be recalled that last Thursday the central bank offered \$500m. of a similar bond and received bids for almost three times that amount.

Analysts explaining the issue's poor reception suggested that the new auction system was not fully understood. No one wanted to bid too high and many investors tried to snap up a bargain by bidding as low as possible, they said.

More basically, the new bonds yield about 7.8 per cent annually after taxes, while the bank shares covered by the "arrangement" with the Treasury yield almost twice as much. These shares, which are dollar-linked and backed by the government, mature in four and a half years, whereas the Gilboa bonds mature in 10 years.

2 justices picked for Supreme Court

The judges-selection committee headed by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday decided to recommend to the president that Abraham Halima and Eliezer Goldberg be appointed Justices of the Supreme Court. Halima is the deputy president of the Tel Aviv District Court and Goldberg the deputy president of the Jerusalem District Court.

The committee also recommended that Ya'acov Zemah and Dr. Zvi Cohen be appointed judges of the Jerusalem District Court, and that a lawyer Adna Gavriel be appointed a judge of the Tel Aviv District Labour Court.

The committee's recommendations are formally approved by the president.

Goldberg, 53, and born in Jerusalem, received his law degree from the Hebrew University in 1955. In 1974 he was appointed to the Jerusalem District Court, where he became deputy president about two years ago.

He has been an acting Supreme Court Justice since 1983.

Halima, 65, born in Iraq, studied and practiced law in Baghdad. He came to Israel in 1951, and in 1968 he was appointed to the Tel Aviv District Court, where he was made deputy president in 1983.

He served as a judge on the Supreme Court bench from 1982 to 1983. (Itim)

LIBERALS RESENT

(Continued from Page One)

Herut's timing was also questionable, Nissim said: It should not have raised this matter so shortly before the submission of lists of Knesset candidates. According to Nissim, the majority of the Liberals prefer not to run on their own but with Herut.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said that the Herut move is not a positive one. The Gahal agreement was not limited in time. All deliberations should take place after the elections, he suggested.

One idea in Herut is to press the Liberals to live up to their commitment of four years ago to unite the Likud parties into one political entity so that all would elect all, and the Liberals would not enjoy a fixed reserved ratio of Knesset seats.

Aridor said yesterday that "the solution to the problem of the Gahal agreement can be found — either through total unity, or 'by other means.' It was no sin, suggested Aridor, to review an agreement, almost 20 years old. Aridor diplomatically did not repeat charges that the Liberals are over-represented, but said that the Likud is under-represented. "We could not even complete this government's term in office because of a Liberal."

Direct appeals to former prime minister Menachem Begin are being considered, asking him to support the amendment of the agreement.

JEWISH ART. — The annual conference of the Association for Jewish Art is to take place at the Van Leer Foundation in Jerusalem on April 18-20.



Hundreds of workers from the Israel Shipyards yesterday try to break into the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem, after Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad refused to meet them, to hear their demand for the reinstatement of 180 dismissed employees. A violent four-hour demonstration, in which several policemen were injured and ministry windows were broken, was calmed only after representatives of the Israel Shipyards' workers' committee met with the Finance Ministry director-general and a Histadrut representative. Cohen-Orgad promised to meet with shipyard representatives in two weeks time. (Elihu Harati)

ELECTION BRIEFS

Eliav deciding

Former Labour Party secretary and former Sheli Knesset member Arie Eliav said yesterday that he will decide within a week whether he is going to run at the head of an independent list for the Knesset.

Director-General running

Industry and Trade Ministry Director-General Yehoshua Forer announced yesterday that he has decided to run for the Knesset, and hopes to get a realistic place in the Liberal Party list.

Citizens Rights Movement

Shulamit Aloni's Citizens Rights Movement will this week make its final decision whether to run with the Alignment or as a separate list, CRM sources said yesterday.

Rabbi Menachem Hacohen

The Oved Hadati faction in the Alignment yesterday named three-term Knesset member Rabbi Menachem Hacohen to head the faction's list in the Alignment for a fourth term in the coming elections.

Savings Doomed?

Professor Ezra Sohar, head of the Independence Movement, said yesterday that Israel's savings will soon go the way of the bank shares. Sohar's movement aims to eliminate income tax and introduce a "free economy," maintaining that income tax and excessive regulations are choking the country's economy.

Medical treatment abroad

The Academics Division of the Herut Party has proposed that the Knesset pass a law requiring the government to pay for medical treatment abroad if the patient cannot be treated properly in Israel.

Druse candidates

Dozens of Druse dignitaries have submitted their candidacy for places on the Alignment's Knesset list. Among those running are a senior Israel Defence Forces officer on leave, educators and local authority heads.

87,800 workers from territories last year

Post Economic Reporter
Eighty-seven thousand and 800 workers from the administered territories worked in Israel during 1983, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. This figure represented some 38 per cent of all employed persons in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

The bureau added that about half of the workers from the administered territories employed in Israel worked in construction. Sixteen thousand were employed in industry and 11,000 in agriculture.

The labour force in Judea, Samaria and Gaza totalled 236,000 persons last year, 2 per cent more than in 1982.

Ministry gives school principals more power

Jerusalem Post Reporter

According to new regulations, elementary and high-school principals may set dates for the beginning and end of the school year. They may also decide, within certain guidelines, the number of hours to be devoted to each subject and in many cases whether a particular subject will be taught.

The regulations were promulgated yesterday by the Education Ministry.

The regulations, first proposed a few months ago, have stirred controversy, since many teachers and parents believe that they may result in unwanted changes in curriculum at the whim of just one person.

Ethiopian Jews win costs in case against ministry

The High Court of Justice yesterday ordered the Interior Ministry to pay \$50,000 in legal costs to an Ethiopian Jewish couple to whom the ministry refused to issue identity cards for two years.

The two, David and Rosina Tamsa, made aliyah in 1982 with their three young children. Rosina said she had converted from Christianity to Judaism in 1970 and had married her husband in both civil and Jewish religious ceremonies.

The ministry refused to issue the couple identity cards, contending that Rosina and her children were not Jewish. In applying to the High Court, the couple charged the ministry with "illegal behaviour, acute discrimination and disregard for the law."

Responding, the Interior Ministry representative said that the couple were regarded as new olim and Israeli citizens but a problem existed regarding the classification of the "nationality (etnom)" of the two. This caused the delay in issuing the identity cards, said the representative, adding that the ministry was now ready to issue the requested documents.

During the court hearing, the ministry agreed to issue Rosina Tamsa an ID card, leaving blank the "nationality" item.

In view of the ministry's readiness to issue the ID cards, the couple withdrew the application but asked that the court order the ministry to pay costs.

The court ordered the ministry to pay \$50,000 in legal expenses.



The Greek Orthodox patriarch, Diodoros I, officially opens a new road to the Mar Saba Monastery in the Judean Desert yesterday. Assisting him is the acting head of the Judea and Samaria Civil Administration, Sgan-Aluf Freddy Zach. At right is the patriarch's aide, Archbishop Timothy. The five-kilometre-long road, built by the administration to replace a dirt track, cost some \$200,000. (Mike Goldberg)

Fire inquiry proposes aircraft use

HAIFA. — Fire brigades should be authorized to call fire-fighting aircraft into action and should coordinate their operations with the Air Force, according to recommendations of a board of inquiry set up after last year's big Mount Carmel fire.

The report, presented yesterday to the Haifa fire-fighting chiefs, also recommended that fire-control methods used by services abroad be studied by local teams.

The experts recommended organizational revision to reduce

the numerous authorities who are responsible for maintaining the forests and their safety and to establish closer coordination between them to facilitate fire prevention.

They recommend that the Jewish National Fund, the National Parks Authority and the Nature Reserves Authority install hydrants, pipes and water reservoirs in or near forests. They also suggest that special fire engines for difficult terrain fitted with large water tanks should be bought.

9% of jobless turn down available jobs

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nine per cent of the unemployed in Israel refuse to take the jobs offered them and are thus ineligible for unemployment compensation, income maintenance or other public assistance. There is thus "employment polarization," meaning that available jobs (unskilled and semi-skilled work at beginners' wages) are not the jobs people want, while unemployed persons wait for jobs that do not exist.

These points were brought out yesterday by Baruch Haklai, director-general of the Employment Service, at a news conference here.

The conference was called to preview an international colloquium in developing human resources in a changing society, to be held in Jerusalem from April 30

to May 4 under the auspices of the Association for Career Counselling in Israel, the International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance, and other organizations.

Haklai said that employment counselling can help bridge the gap between what the jobseeker wants and what the economy has to offer.

Counselling can also prevent "employment disability," the inability to hold down a job after a long period of unemployment, he added.

EXHIBITION. — Yad Vashem at the end of the month will open in its art gallery an exhibition of paintings and drawings by a brother and sister — Peter Gins, who died in Auschwitz when he was 12, and Hava Pressburger, who lives in Israel.

WEITZ STALKS OUT

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He was on his way out when Ne'eman accused him of committing "an ugly act for political reasons." Ne'eman and Weitz's opposite number in the Settlement Department, Matiyahu Drobles (Likud), insisted matters were coordinated and checked before approval.

Weitz reportedly slammed the door behind him and told reporters the committee had decided on the establishment of 25 settlements although it had no budget to implement the decision. That means money will be diverted from development towns and moshavim in financial difficulties, he said.

Reached at his home later, he denied reports by several members that he had remained silent on Tuesday when the settlement decisions were taken. Weitz said he had raised his opposition to the locations in the West Bank.

Species of rare shrub vandalized in North

Kiryat Shmona. — Most of the rare *admonit haboreh* (a type of peony) shrubs growing in a limited area of Mount Meron, were vandalized this week.

Nature Reserves Authority inspectors discovered the uprooted and mutilated shrubs yesterday. Thousands of visitors came to Mount Meron in recent days to see the shrubs in bloom.

Uri Saidatz, head of the authority, said he has lodged a complaint with the police. The inspectors are also investigating.

Computer science

Beginning this year all technical high-school seniors will have to pass an examination in computer sciences, Meir Avigad, in charge of technical studies in the Education and Culture Ministry, said yesterday.

He added that from next year the 11th grade vocational school pupils will have to pass a similar examination.

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Labour veterans face 60% approval rule

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 1,000 members of the Labour Party Central Committee are to vote this afternoon to decide the fate of the party's 16 Knesset members who have served in the Knesset two terms or more. At the same time, moves are under way to set up Labour's campaign headquarters.

The 16 MKs, who include former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and former cabinet ministers Haim Bar-Lev, Abba Eban, Shlomo Hillel and Gad Ya'acobi, are subject to a rule first applied in 1977 to encourage new blood in the party. The rule says that any MK who has served two Knesset terms has to win the approval of 60 per cent of the central committee members in order to be a candidate for a third term.

Labour campaign chief

Mordechai Gur, named to the post on Tuesday, has already moved to assign the main campaign jobs. MK Moshe Shahal is slated to be information chief; MK Rafi Edri will be campaign treasurer; and the United Kibbutz Movement's Yosef Gazit is to be in charge of organization. Binyamin Yasur of Mapam is expected to be in charge of election-day activities.

Labour party sources reiterated that it will not indulge in pre-election cabinet making this year. Party chairman Shimon Peres is believed to want to keep his hands free to make appointments in the event that the Alignment wins. He is also reluctant to launch a competition for posts and — most important of all — former president Yitzhak Navon has refused to stake out a claim to a position. Labour does not wish to present a leadership team without the popular Navon in it.

Poll reveals disdain for democracy

TEL AVIV. — Every third Israeli doubts that a democratic regime can solve the nation's burning problems and supports "a radical change of political regime."

This emerges from a poll conducted last month by the Dahaf research institute under Dr. Mina Zemach. A full account of the poll, which encompassed 1,165 persons nationwide (excluding Kibbutz members), will appear in the pre-Pessah issue of *Montinu*.

A similar poll last year found that one in five Israelis favoured such a "radical change."

In this year's poll, 16 per cent said

they were uninterested in politics. This compares with 18 per cent last year.

Political parties fared poorly in this year's poll: Sixty-two per cent said they regard parties as "not absolutely necessary" for the conduct of public affairs, while 27 per cent declared that "one can dispense with parties altogether."

Fifty-six per cent think that the news media in Israel are "detrimental to national interests" and should be "bridled." Twenty-seven per cent have a low opinion of the Knesset's performance and 9 per cent recommend that the Knesset be abolished.

Controversy in death of Nablus youth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A-Najah university of Nablus has called into question explanations from police about the recent death of one of its students, Bilal Jamal Najjar.

In a statement to the press yesterday, the university said that Najjar left his home on March 10 and was not seen alive again. On March 19, following inquiries by the family, his brother was told by a Druse officer, Jamal Hammoud, that Bilal had

been detained by the Israel Defence Forces. A week later a body was discovered near the village of Madjal north of Nablus, and was subsequently identified as that of the missing youth.

Military sources said yesterday that there is no record of Najjar having been detained for several weeks prior to his disappearance. These sources also added that their investigators had concluded that Najjar had been killed while handling an explosive device.

Court releases E. Jerusalem engineer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A municipal court in Jerusalem yesterday released the engineer of the Arab-owned Jerusalem District Electric Company on \$150,000 bail. He is suspected of illegal building for the company's new generator.

Workers yesterday started to dismantle the roof over the generator that municipal officials say was built illegally. The engineer, Hassan

Abdel Rahman, was ordered to appear for another hearing at the municipal court on April 24.

Municipal officials said they were angry at the East Jerusalem company because City Hall had helped the company despite opposition from the Energy and Interior ministries. These officials say that no construction can be undertaken on the site until the National Planning Committee approves plans for the power station.

Murder trial suspect asks Seder freedom

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An Elon Moroh settler, facing trial on suspicion of being an accessory after the fact in the murder of 11-year-old Aisha al-Bahash from Nablus, yesterday asked the local district court to release him for 48 hours next week so that he could celebrate the Seder with his family.

Efraim Segal, 28, an olim from the U.S., noted that his wife is in her eighth month of pregnancy. He has been ordered detained until the end of his trial. The prosecution said if he is freed for the Seder, Segal should be required to post a large bail to ensure that he will report back after the holiday. He should also be ordered by the court not to meet with other witnesses.

EXTRATERRESTRIAL. — An inter-disciplinary space-research institute is to be established at the Technion. It will work in cooperation with interested parties in Israel and abroad.

Haifa U. teachers to fight dismissals

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The teaching staff of Haifa University have informed the prime minister that they will fight the intended dismissal of 50 of their number. Professor Gad Gilbar, chairman of the staff union told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Copies of the letter were sent to the ministers of education and finance.

Evitol warning

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry last night issued a warning asking all persons who have, in the last two weeks, purchased Evitol, a vitamin E preparation from the Teva drug co. to return the capsules at once to the nearest pharmacy. The packages contain a heart-regulating drug, which can be dangerous if taken by those who do not require it.

40,000 tourists expected for Pessah/Easter holiday

By HAIM SHAPIRO
AND LIORA MOREL
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Forty-thousand visitors arrived in the country during the first 10 days of this month, about 35 per cent more than during the similar pre-Pessah and Easter period last year.

About 70 flights are expected at Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday, almost double the usual number of arriving aircraft. Among the pilgrims is a group of 120 from the Ivory Coast and Togo due to arrive today. According to the Tourism Ministry, it is the largest group to arrive so far from Black Africa and it includes a number of notables, including the Archbishop of Abidjan. After their stay in Israel, the group will go to Rome.

The increase in tourism, following a disappointing winter season, is viewed with guarded optimism by Tourism Ministry officials, who say that if the tourists get good service, the increase could be more than just

temporary. Throughout the holiday season ministry officials will greet arriving tourists at the airport with a glass of Sabra liqueur.

Meanwhile, the large number of visitors, together with Israelis taking their Pessah holiday, has resulted in full hotels in much of the country. Rooms are almost impossible to find in Eilat and Jerusalem, as well as in most kibbutz guest houses. Even in Tel Aviv, which is usually the last to fill up during holidays, at least some of the hotels report that they are almost full.

Hundreds of olim from Ethiopia will celebrate Pessah in the absorption centre in Beersheba for the third consecutive year, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Recent Ethiopian olim will celebrate a "model Seder" with the new Hebrew-Amharic *Haggada* published this week by the Absorption Ministry.

The Jewish Agency will pay for the Seder meals of all olim in absorption centres throughout the country as usual this year, Yehuda Dominitz, director-general of the Agency's aliya department said. "As usual, we have more families wanting to host olim for the Seder than we have olim," he said. He added that some olim prefer to celebrate the holiday in the absorption centres.



Rawiyeh Abu Karshan (left), a medical student from Shfaram, and Sana Mahoul (right), an environmental design student from Tarshiha, were yesterday among 50 Arab students who received a total of \$1 million in stipends from the Arab Affairs Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office.

Arab aeronautics students get PM awards

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The award yesterday by the Prime Minister's Office of merit awards to two Arab students of aeronautical engineering at the Technion has laid bare the anomalous situation of Arab students' studying subjects they have little chance to work in.

Faculty Dean Professor Avraham Kogan told *The Jerusalem Post* that in the past no Arab students had applied to the faculty, but now half a dozen were taking the four-year course leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. The present freshman class has a record number of four Arab students, including a girl from a Galilee village.

"We accept every student who has the requisite marks from high school and passes the entrance examination," he said.

However, he added, the faculty is not blind to the fact that as Arabs, they will have virtually no chance — for security reasons — to get work in the Israeli aircraft or military industries, where aeronautical engineers are used.

"I therefore have a serious talk with every applicant who is accepted and make it clear to them that they may be embarking on a course of frustration," Kogan said. "But if they insist, I feel it our duty to give them an equal chance with Jewish candidates."

The girl candidate had applied to the Technion over her father's objection to her going so far from her village. She was determined to study aeronautical engineering because she was "infatuated with airplanes."

As she had produced excellent high-school grades, "and met every

acceptance criterion, we enrolled her," Kogan said. "She will probably have fewer difficulties because in the final analysis she will not have to earn a living for her family."

Some of the Arab aeronautics students switch in mid-stream, probably because of the poor work prospects. One student switched to mechanical engineering, an associated subject, for his final year, and is now studying for his M.Sc. degree in that faculty. Another, after getting his B.Sc. in aeronautics, got a job in Technion's own Transport Research Institute to pay for his post-graduate studies towards an M.Sc. degree.

Switching to mechanical engineering, which entails similar basic studies, is one alternative for Arab students, "and the switch is not difficult," said Kogan.

Court orders that hospital stay open

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary injunction forbidding the health minister from closing the Jerusalem children's psychiatric hospital, Hamerkaz Lema'an Hayered, and from firing its staff.

Justice Menachem Elon issued the injunction at the request of parents of children hospitalized in the institution. The Court will decide in the case at a future date.

The parents argued that the health minister was closing the in-

stitution hastily, without first caring for the proper hospitalization of the children elsewhere. They also argued that the closure decision was opposed by the Education and Culture Minister, the Knesset Education and Culture Committee and the Jerusalem Municipality.

The Health Ministry argued that the maintenance of the hospital which has 30 boarding patients with developmental problems, was uneconomical. (Itim)

Health Ministry blasts NII on chronically ill

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry yesterday demanded that the National Insurance Institute (NII) make money available for increasing hospital beds for the treatment of the chronically ill. Professor Baruch Modan, the ministry director-general, said that, unless this was done, there was no way of solving the problem of the country's chronically sick.

Modan noted that \$10 million have been collected for treating the chronically ill, 0.2 per cent of all salaries since 1980, but the institute gives the money in the form of direct grants to the patients. The patients use the money to pay for health care at home, whereas they really need hospitalization.

The ministry earlier this week issued orders to hospitals not to admit more chronically ill patients. Modan noted that last year the

ministry gave hospital beds to 500 more patients than they had budgeted for, and each chronically ill patient costs up to \$5,000 a day.

Both the National Association of Social Workers and the Histadrut Nurses Union have protested against the new orders by the ministry. The social workers accused the ministry of "criminal neglect," and the nurses described the orders as, "a fateful sentence for the country's chronically ill."

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Mondale defeats Hart in Pennsylvania poll

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — Walter Mondale easily won the Pennsylvania primary on Tuesday, defeating a fading Gary Hart and rolling past the halfway mark in his quest for the delegates needed to capture the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mondale called it a "major step forward" and said he had established new momentum. Hart, putting forth an optimistic face as he arrived in his hometown of Denver, told supporters: "We are headed into our territory, folks."

With nearly 90 per cent of the vote in, Mondale had 47 per cent of

the vote to 35 per cent for Hart. Jesse Jackson was winning Philadelphia, and had 17 per cent statewide. He sought a strong third-place finish statewide to impress the party's establishment with his ability to register thousands of black voters and then win their votes.

Hart's remarkable winter surge thus ended with a springtime thud. After sweeping New England and claiming several victories elsewhere, he has lost Illinois, New York and now Pennsylvania — key states in the Democratic industrial belt. On Tuesday, Mondale even cut into Hart's previously solid sup-

port among young urban voters. A total of 172 Pennsylvania delegates was being apportioned. Mondale led for 125, Hart 17. Jackson had none. Four were uncommitted and John Glenn supporters claimed one spot.

Mondale thus passed the halfway point in his quest for the 1,967 delegates needed for nomination in July. He claimed or led for 1,036.8 delegates, compared with 575 for Hart and 151.2 for Jackson.

Mondale claimed victory and said: "I'm encouraged to believe that what I have been saying about where I want to take the country, the differences as the public perceives them, is helping me gain momentum toward the nomination."

and victory over President Reagan in November.

Hart said he would do better as the election calendar turns west, and before the sun set on Tuesday he was testing a new voter appeal in Ohio.

Hart said that whereas Mondale had strong labour support in the industrial states, the union connection would prove a disadvantage in the western states to come. "Those states are much more favourable to us," said Hart, citing Texas, Oregon and California among others.

The latest unofficial tally with 96 per cent of the votes in, was:

Mondale, 695,822 — 47 per cent
Hart, 518,606 — 35 per cent
Jackson, 249,687 — 17 per cent

Hundreds reported dead in Kenya security sweep

NAIROBI (AP). — More than a dozen Western countries, prompted by reports that hundreds of tribesmen were killed by security forces in northeastern Kenya, have urged the government to distribute emergency supplies to survivors. Western diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The U.S. made a diplomatic representation on Tuesday while a group of West European countries and Australia made a similar move yesterday, said the sources.

The representations followed government denials of charges by leaders of the Degodia clan, an ethnic Somali tribal group of nomadic pastoralists, that more than 5,000 were rounded up on February 10 near the town of Wajir and placed in a makeshift concentration camp for three days, stripped naked and denied food and water.

On the third day, hundreds were bludgeoned, knifed or shot to death for refusing to hand over weapons,

clan leaders charged. Both the dead and the living were taken by truck on the following day and dumped in remote areas of the bush, where scores more died, they added.

Reliable Western diplomatic and relief agency sources corroborated the account after Justus Ole Tipis, a minister of state in President Daniel arap Moi's office, denied the massacre allegation in parliament on March 27.

He maintained that only 57 persons were "killed in the confusion" of a security operation to disarm lawless members of the tribal clan.

A Degodia leader told the Associated Press yesterday that 307 dead tribesmen have been counted so far while another 600 were still missing.

The government operation, mounted by police and army units, followed a series of clashes reportedly over water and grazing rights between the Degodia and another Moslem, ethnic Somali clan, the Ajuran.

Peru president names new cabinet

LIMA (Reuters). — President Fernando Belaunde Terry last night named Senator Sandro Mariategui as Peru's prime minister and foreign minister after the entire cabinet quit, the government press office said.

Facing his worst government crisis in nearly four years in power, the president also named three new ministers and re-appointed all 12 others.

The ministers resigned in sympathy after Prime Minister Fer-

nando Schwalb quit over a change in economic policies.

Mariategui, 64, was economy minister during Belaunde Terry's first term in office between 1963 and 1968.

After a military coup toppled Belaunde Terry in 1969, Mariategui spent nearly two years in jail, charged with responsibility for a steep devaluation of the Peruvian currency. The supreme court later cleared him of the charges.

U.S. denies it might bar Soviet athletes' entry

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The State Department said on Tuesday that it has asked for the names of all the athletes taking part in the summer Olympics in Los Angeles, but denied a Soviet charge that it might deny entry to any of them.

"The lists of names we have asked each national Olympic committee to submit to our embassy are to ensure smooth and efficient entry of such persons when they arrive," State Department Spokesman John

Hughes said.

But he told reporters no athlete will be denied entry if he or she has an Olympic identity card validly issued by a national Olympic committee.

The Soviet National Olympic committee accused the U.S. on Monday of violating the Olympic charter by making lists of names of athletes so it could deny visas to persons it considered undesirable.

Repair job on U.S. satellite seems to have been a success

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP). — Challenger's space-walking astronauts replaced two defective electronic units on the recovered Solar Max satellite yesterday and initial reports on the repair job were encouraging.

"All is looking optimistic," said a preliminary report from engineers on earth making a remote checkout of the satellite, fixed in a repair shop with a view of earth that "is a little unreal."

Nasa officials said it would be later in the day, perhaps early today, before the astronauts know if they have done enough to the observatory to return it to its own orbit so it can resume studying the sun.

Astronauts George Nelson and James van Hoften took turns working in a "cherry picker" on the end of the shuttle's robot arm to make the replacements while floating in the open cargo bay, 483km. in space.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Moscow that India's first man in space, Rakesh Sharma, returned safely to earth yesterday with two Soviet cosmonauts after a week aboard the orbiting space station Salyut-7. The descent module of their return craft, Soyuz T-10, touched down near the Soviet central Asian town of Arkalik and reports from mission control said all three men were in fine health. (AP, Renter)

Chinese weigh taking part in space shuttle

PEKING (AP). — China confirmed yesterday it is studying the possibility of a joint space venture with the U.S. that would include Chinese and U.S. astronauts.

The Foreign Ministry said that China was considering a proposal by the U.S. for such a project.

A report in the U.S. magazine *Aviation Week and Space Technology* said the proposal involves a Chinese astronaut in the crew of a U.S. space shuttle flight. The proposal is part of a technological agreement to be signed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan when he visits China later this month, the magazine said.

U.S. says mining by CIA has stopped

WASHINGTON (AP). — A senior administration official said yesterday that the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) halted the mining of Nicaraguan waters before the Senate formally opposed the action but added that Tuesday's non-binding vote against the mining may prevent its resumption.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said that the mining, carried out under CIA supervision, had been completed and that there was no "cause-and-effect" relationship between that

move and the escalating criticism of the administration for the mining, widely held to be in violation of international law.

But the official did say that the furor and the 84-12 Senate vote against the mining might prevent its resumption.

Earlier, another senior administration official said many CIA officials believe the furor over the mining has probably killed any chances for congressional approval of \$21 million in new aid for Nicaraguan rebels.

22 killed by Sri Lanka army troops

COLOMBO (AP). — Twenty-two persons have been shot to death by Sri Lanka Army troops in two days of terrorist violence in the northern Jaffna region, the government said yesterday.

An 18-hour curfew was imposed for the second day yesterday as Tamil separatist extremists continued attacks on security forces and Sinhalese property.

The government also announced it had set up a "surveillance zone" in the Palk Straits to crack down on the alleged shuttling of arms and troops between southern India and the Jaffna district.

The nation's new national security minister, Lalith Athulathmudali,

told reporters in the capital here that army troops shot dead 16 persons on Tuesday in Chunakkam during the curfew.

He said the troops opened fire at a group of terrorists waiting in ambush.

The minister said six persons carrying guns and bombs were shot to death in Jaffna town yesterday morning when the curfew was lifted to allow residents to buy provisions.

"They were all terrorists with weapons in their hands," he said. Tamils, who make up 18 per cent of the nation's population but dominate in the Jaffna district, are mostly Hindus. The majority Sinhalese are mostly Buddhists.

Two Hindus shot dead in Punjab

NEW DELHI (AP). — Two Hindu businessmen were shot dead in a new outbreak of violence in troubled Punjab, and an agitating Sikh political group called for statewide protests to complain about alleged police killings of Sikhs last week.

Officials said a group of six armed extremists attacked Raghbir Chand, a brick kiln owner, and Joginder Pal, a contractor, late Tuesday night at a village near Jalandhar city, about 350 kilometres northwest of the capital.

The Akali Dal, the main Sikh group which has agitated for 20 months for more political and religious freedoms, called for a "protest day" in the Sikh-dominated state to protest alleged police murders of eight Sikhs on April 3.

On that day, Hindu-Sikh communal rioting broke out during a funeral for a Hindu politician, Harbans Lal Khanna, who was shot to death by Sikh extremists the previous day.

Alleged Sikh terrorists opened fire on the funeral crowd, provoking gunfire by police. The shootout claimed the lives of three extremists, four Sikh civilians, and one Sikh policeman.

The Akali Dal claimed the eight people were killed by police.

Hussein off to Iraq

AMMAN (AP). — King Hussein left yesterday for a two-day visit to Iraq, on the first leg of a tour to Gulf countries, official sources said.

Hussein was expected to visit other Arab Gulf countries later in the week to discuss a united Arab stand on issues in the region and urge them to hold a summit of Arab leaders soon.

Sports

Heroic Haviv

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

A splendid display of goalkeeping by Arye Haviv kept his net empty and the slate clean for Israel's second consecutive international match in two weeks, enabling Israel to achieve a highly creditable 0-0 draw against Rumania before 25,000 fans in Romania yesterday.

Although the Rumanians fielded a weakened side because a number of Dynamo Bucharest players were on club duty against Liverpool in the European Cup quarter-finals, they were on top throughout the match. But their forwards floundered when the scoring chances came. Haviv was heroic. He could do nothing wrong, continuing to display the fine form he showed against Elze a fortnight ago.

Elze had two scoring chances from rapid Israeli attacks, but failed to convert these into goals.

The Israeli contingent received a very friendly reception from their hosts.

Appeal for pity

By PAUL KOHN

Hapoel Tel Aviv had appealed to the Israel Football Association for permission to postpone their quarter-final State Cup match against Hapoel Beersheba scheduled to take place on Saturday.

The Tel Aviv club stated that it will be unable to make the trip, because six of their players were on national duty in Romania yesterday. The IFA will make their decision today.

Maccabi Haifa are scheduled to face a disciplinary hearing about Eyal Yehuda's complaint that their bus was attacked by Haifa fans after the 1-1 draw last Saturday. Referee Yehuda Orgad also filed a complaint that the fans used foul language against him.

The Haifa club have apologized to Eyal Yehuda and have offered to compensate the Tel Aviv club.

SPORTS

By PAUL KOHN

Eight punters won IS\$2m. each for getting all 13 results right on their coupons last Saturday. Twelve right were worth IS\$37,000; 11, IS\$13,000; ten, IS\$1,700. This week's coupon features four State Cup quarter-final matches and nine English games. A minimum of IS\$40m. will be paid in prize money. If Hapoel Tel Aviv's match against Hapoel Beersheba is postponed, this line will be void and only the remaining 12 games will be considered.

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Jahangir again

BRIGHTON (Reuters). — Pakistan's Jahangir Khan, champion for three years, won his third consecutive British Open again this time he beat compatriot Jansher Ali 3-0, 3-0, 3-0. Jahangir took only 35 minutes to dispose of his opponent in a one-sided final.

The main drama of the night came earlier, when New Zealand's Susan Dorey upset Britain's number one Lisa Oyle 5-0, 5-0, 5-0, 5-1 in a heated women's final.

Oyle, looking for third consecutive final, was involved in a dispute with referee Bob Johnson in the third game. Trailing 7-5, Oyle lost her nerve when Johnson gave Dorey a point after the 10-minute-old New Zealand star had been knocked by her opponent. Oyle gestured at the referee, and Johnson said: "If I see you do that again, it will be a game against."

The British games fell apart after that, and she put up little resistance in the fourth and final game.

Nets undaunted

NEW YORK (AP). — The New Jersey Nets have little fear of their first-round opponents in the National Basketball Association play-offs, although they happen to be the defending champions, the Philadelphia 76ers. The Nets defeated the 76ers 106-102 on Tuesday night to even the regular-season series between the two teams.

The Nets will open the play-offs next Tuesday against Philadelphia when they catch the New York Knicks or the second-place Indiana in the Central Division, Milwaukee or Detroit. New Jersey currently trails the Knicks by two games and the Pistons and Bulls by three.

Eliminated in the NBA, it was Seattle 125-107; Kansas City 113; Detroit 106; Indiana 99; Boston 96; Milwaukee 95; San Antonio 121; Houston 111; Phoenix 100; Portland 89; Utah 124; Denver 126; Dallas 116; San Diego 115; and Golden State 117. Los Angeles 115. The Suns clinched a Western Conference playoff berth.

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Harvest I
Makes about 15 portions.
2 med. sour apples, grated
50 gr. chopped or ground blanched almonds
2 tsp. cinnamon
dry red wine
Mix together the ingredients, using just enough wine to make a soft paste.

Harvest II
This charoset is good not only for the Seder plate; I found it excellent and unusual for stuffing apples (this recipe makes enough to fill 25 to 30) that are baked and used as a side dish to roast turkey, poultry or duck. It is also a delicious spread on matza.

3 sour apples, peeled and cored
5 bananas
1 lemon, juice and grated rind
1 orange, juice and grated rind
1 pkg. stoned dates
100 gr. peanuts
4 tbs. candied peel - optional
1 cup dry red wine
1 level tsp. cinnamon
matza meal
sugar to taste

Put the fruit and nuts through a grinder. Add fruit juice and wine. Add enough matza meal to soak up liquids and to make a consistency according to your taste. Mix in lemon and orange peel, cinnamon and sugar, to taste.

If used as a stuffing for apples, cut apples in half, core them and remove some of the apple, leaving a thick "wall." Chop up removed bits of apple and add to haroset.

Fill apples, dot with margarine and bake with just a little water in a medium oven for about 30 minutes. Don't allow apples to get mushy. Can be eaten warm or cold.

Feather-weight Knaidlach
Makes about 30 small (marble-sized).
100 gr. (1 cup) matza meal
2 cup water
1 tsp. salt
good pinch ginger
4 tbs. chicken fat or oil
2 eggs, well beaten

Mix all the ingredients together and refrigerate for at least 4 hours. With wet hands roll the batter into balls.

After balls are prepared, drop the knaidlach into slightly salted boiling water, a few at a time, so as not to take the water off the boil. Cook for about half an hour.

I make double the quantity so that some will remain for the following day, so that I can have and fry them (preferably in chicken fat) to serve with chicken or another dish.

Almond Balls
Makes about 18 to 20 small balls.
2 eggs, separated
120 gr. (about 1/2 cup) ground almonds
1/4 tsp. salt
rind of 1 lemon



Food for Pessah

Bessie Springson prepares some sumptuous holiday fare.

Beat egg-yolks, add almonds, salt and lemon rind. Fold into stiffly beaten egg whites. Heat oil 2 1/2-3 cm. deep in skillet, drop batter by teaspoonfuls into skillet and fry until puffed and golden brown. Drain and serve with soup.

Matza Kleis
Makes about 30 small balls.
2 matzas
2 small onions, chopped
4 tbs. oil or 3 tbs. fat
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. ginger
2 tbs. parsley chopped
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 cup matza meal approximately

Soak matzas in warm water until soft, drain and squeeze dry. Heat fat or oil in skillet and saute onion until golden brown. Add soaked matzas, an stir until the mixture leaves skillet clean. Remove from heat, add eggs and seasoning and just enough matza meal to make a soft dough.

Let stand at least one hour to enable it to swell. Shape into marble-sized balls with wet hands. Test a ball by dropping into boiling salted water. If it separates, add more matza meal. Drain and serve with soup.

Passover Rolls
Makes eight.
2 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
3 1/2 cups water
180 gr. (3/4 cup) matza meal
4 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup + 1 tbs. oil

Bring water to a boil and dissolve sugar and salt in it. Pour over matza meal and allow to rest for 15 minutes.

Place a little oil on the palms of your hands and take about 2 tbs. of dough and shape it into a rope. Pinch the ends together to get a bagel shape. Place bagel on an oiled baking tray and brush over with beaten egg.

Bake in a hot oven at 200°C. (400°F.) for approximately 40 minutes until golden brown. Best served hot.

Glazed Stuffed Chicken
As there is so much to eat at the seder, I suggest that the chicken should be cut into eighths.
1 lge. roasting chicken
1 med. onion minced
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
1/2 cup chicken fat or shortening
4 matzas, broken
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 egg
1 tbs. grated orange rind
1 cup chicken stock or water and chicken soup cube

Glaze
1 cup orange juice
grated rind of 1 orange
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup chicken fat or oil

Saute onion, celery and nuts in fat or oil until tender. Add broken matzas and toast lightly. Combine matza mixture with egg, salt, pepper, chicken soup and orange rind. Mix well and stuff chicken.

Place bird in an open roasting pan breast side down for first half of roasting time. Combine ingredients for glaze, pour over chicken. Roast in moderate oven 180°C (350°F.) for about 2 hours or until tender and brown. Baste frequently.

Fish in Potato Nests
Why not fish instead of chicken or meat during Pessah? Use up left over gefilte fish!

Serves six to eight.
500 gr. fish
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tbs. lemon juice
3 cups mashed potato
1/4 cup matza meal
1 egg, beaten
60 gr. margarine
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese
6 slices of tomato

To mashed potato add matza meal, egg, margarine, salt and pepper. Mix well. Drop mounds of potato mixture onto greased baking dish. Make indentation in each with a spoon. Drain the gefilte fish of any sauce and mash, add 1/2 cup grated cheese, lemon juice and onion. Fill the potato nests with the fish mixture. Top with a tomato slice. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup grated cheese.

Place under grill about 18 cm. from heat until it is heated through and the cheese is melted and lightly brown. If without a grill, bake at 180°C. (350°F.) for about 30 minutes.

Cheese Latkes
Yields: 18 to 20 servings.
3 eggs, well beaten
1 cup milk
1 cup dry white cheese
1 cup matza meal
1 tbs. sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt

Beat the eggs and continue beating after adding milk and cheese. Combine the remaining ingredients and add to egg mixture, blend well. Drop by spoonfuls into a well-greased frying pan or onto a griddle, and brown on both sides.

Serve hot with any of the following: sour cream, apple sauce, syrup or preserves.

Matza Kugel
3 matzas, broken
2 eggs, separated
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
1/2 cup seedless raisins
3 sour apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
juice of 1 lemon
50 gr. margarine

Soften matzas in lukewarm water and drain. Beat egg-yolks, adding sugar, salt and cinnamon. Mix well. Stir in matzas, nuts and raisins.

Beat egg-whites until stiff and fold into egg-yolk mixture. Turn half mixture into a warm well-greased baking dish (size depends on thickness desired). Arrange apples on top, pour on lemon juice. Cover with remaining mixture. Dot with margarine, sprinkle top with sugar and cinnamon. Bake in moderate oven 180°C. (350°F.) for 45 minutes or until lightly browned.

The kugel is delicious as is but can be greatly enhanced with a wine sauce:

1 cup sweet wine
3 egg-yolks, beaten
juice and rind from 2 lemons
6 tbs. sugar

Combine ingredients in top of double-boiler or in basin over saucepan of boiling water. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick enough to coat a wooden spoon. Serve hot. (Egg-whites can be used for macaroons.)

Flaming Pears
A Seder dessert with a difference. Yields 14 servings.
10 med. pears
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 cups water
1/2 cup almonds
1/2 cup brandy
1/2 cup Curacao

Bring water and sugar to a boil until syrup forms. Pare the pears, leaving on the stems. Drop them in the syrup as each is peeled and cook until just tender, testing with a toothpick. Blanch the almonds by putting them in water and bringing it to a boil. Rinse almonds with cold water and pinch off the skins. Quarter them lengthwise.

When pears are ready, take out of pot and sprinkle them generously with the almond slivers. Cook the syrup, uncovered, until reduced to about half. (Should be quite thick.) Pour the syrup over the pears and set aside until the evening of the Seder.

About 30 minutes before serving the dessert, reheat pears in an oven set at 190°C, and arrange them on a fire-proof platter. Pour the hot syrup over them and leave in oven for 5 to 10 minutes to make certain that both the pears and the platter are well-heated.

Heat the combined liqueurs lightly in a covered pan. Take hot platter to the table, pour the hot liqueurs over the pears and light with a match. Serve alone or with whipped cream and cookies.

Passover Cheese Cake
Crust
125 gr. margarine
1 1/4 cup matza meal
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Filling
1 1/2 containers cottage cheese
1/2 cup sugar
juice, grated rind from 1 lemon
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. vanilla essence
3 eggs
1/2 cup cream or whip

Topping
1 container sour cream
3 tbs. sugar
Melt margarine and mix with matza meal, sugar and cinnamon, and press evenly against bottom and sides of a 28 cm. spring-form. Set aside.

Combine all filling ingredients, beating well (beat if done with electric mixer) until smooth. Pour over matza meal crust and bake in moderate oven 190°C. (375°F.) for 25 minutes. Cake will be soft and quivery. Remove from oven.

Combine sour cream with 3 tbs. sugar and spread carefully over surface of cake. Bake for another 10 minutes. Filling will set as it cools. Refrigerate for several hours or overnight.

Decorate cake with fruit such as apricots, peaches or strawberries, if desired.

(If using strawberries, use half a cup of crushed strawberries and keep remaining berries whole. Put crushed berries, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup water and 4 tsp. potato flour in a saucepan, bring to a boil and cook 2 minutes.)

Stir in 1 tsp. margarine and a few drops of red food colouring (optional). Strain, cool slightly. Cut strawberries in half lengthwise, arrange them on top of cake, and pour sauce over berries. Chill in refrigerator before serving.)

Macaroons
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180 gr. ground almonds
1 cup sugar
4 egg-whites

Mix sugar and almonds well together. Add egg-whites and rub mixture into a smooth paste. When it begins to get stiff, it is ready for baking.

Line baking pan with greaseproof paper and place mixture in small heaps in pan. Bake in a cool oven 120°C. (250°F.) for about 20 minutes until it is set and sand-coloured.

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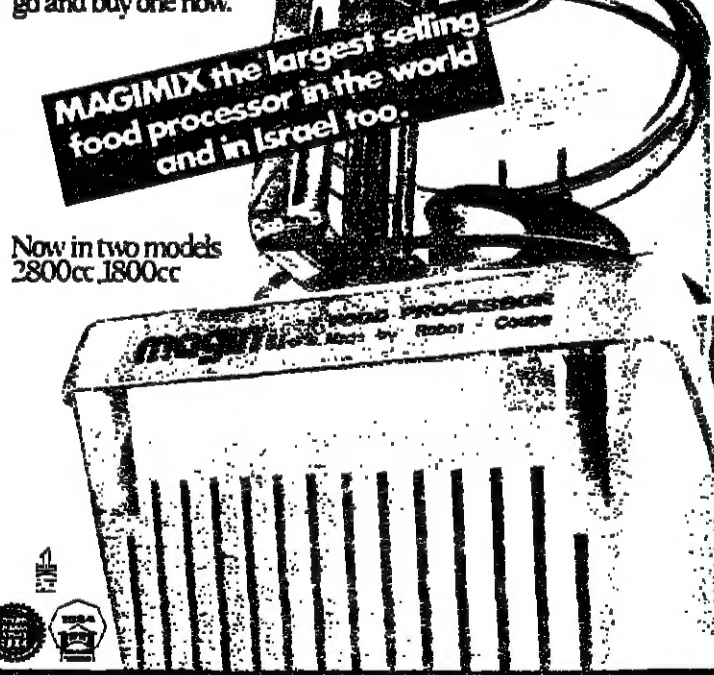
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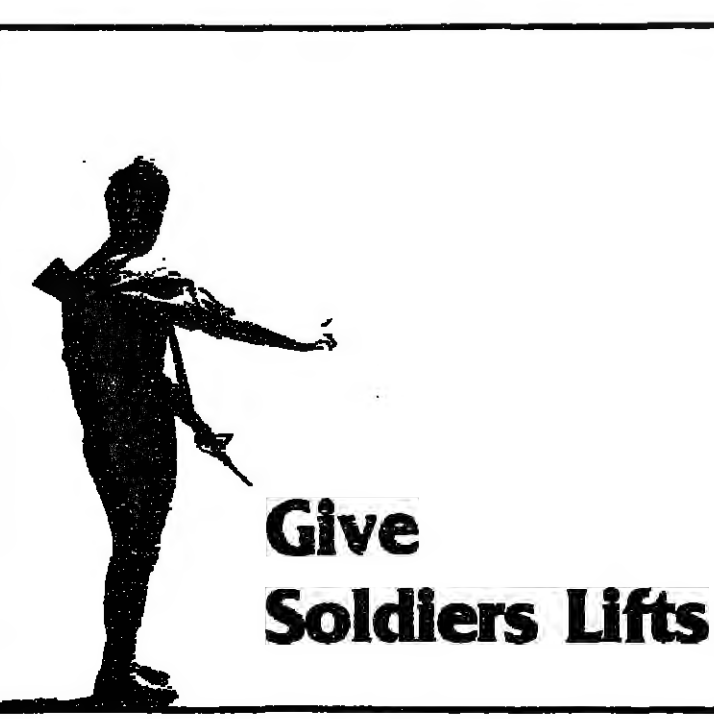
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Israel's inflation baffles Frenchman

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The inflationary spiral in Israel is unique, and there are no known "monetary mechanisms" to bring it under control, Francois Ceyrac, president of the International Chamber of Commerce, said here yesterday. He added that he thought it was more a political than an economic problem, and that any steps to solve it had to be taken at a political level.

Ceyrac said that he had come to Israel from his native France "not to propose any solution, but to study the problem in Israel, in order to get a better understanding of its various aspects." He pointed out that at present, with the exception of Israel, there were two main types of inflation in the western world.

The first was among the industrialized western nations (and Japan), where inflation was under ten per cent a year, and where it was gradually being reduced. The second was among South American countries, where it ran from 40 to several hundred per cent a year, where it was due to "mismanagement" of the economy.

"These countries are rich, but have failed to exploit their potential," he noted that the chamber had been critical of America's intervention in the joint European-Russian decision to build a Trans-Siberian pipeline to move natural gas from Russia to Europe.



Francois Ceyrac

Changes at Hassneh

TEL AVIV. — The international division of Hassneh Insurance has been split up into two components, one dealing with incoming international business and the other with Israeli business reinsured in the international market.

The incoming component is being handled by David Prato, deputy managing director, in addition to his duties on the direct marine and aviation Israeli operations.

The outgoing component continues to be handled by Jack Mansoor, deputy managing director, to whom additional responsibilities are being given, amongst others the position of chairman of the Hassneh Insurance Company (UK).

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American Express buys Lehman Brothers

NEW YORK (Reuters). — American Express yesterday bought the privately-held investment bank of Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb for \$360 million.

Wall Street analysts said American Express was acquiring the firm, one of the oldest on Wall Street, to increase its presence in the investment-banking and government-bond business.

They said that Shearson, the American Express subsidiary into which Lehman Brothers will merge, had not been able to make the impact it desired on the institutional market.

"Lehman Brothers is reputed to have an upscale clientele," said Michael Frinquel, an analyst at the Salomon Brothers investment firm, explaining the attraction the old-line blue-chip firm held for American Express.

Leumi increases its hold on mutual fund industry

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The mutual funds managed by Bank Leumi and its affiliated companies continued to increase their share of the shrinking cake of mutual fund assets. The other fund managers all lost ground and the non-bank managers now hold less than six per cent of the market.

These facts emerged from the quarterly review of developments in the mutual fund industry, published by the Meitav financial consultancy firm. (Meitav's earlier report on comparative performance of the funds was reviewed in The Post on April 2.)

Although March was a good month for the funds: with real growth of 7.1 per cent, the first quarter as a whole saw a fall of 8.3 per cent in the real value of the total assets managed by all the funds. In practice, however, the erosion was greater, since the prices of the shares, bonds and currencies that make up the funds' assets, rose by an overall 55 per cent, while the nominal growth in fund assets was 32 per cent.

What this indicates is that the funds suffered a steady stream of redemptions by unit holders, even though their investments produced generally good returns.

Breaking down the industry into its component firms, the Meitav review reconfirms the trends that

have held sway since last year. A — The degree of concentration of the industry in the hands of the Big Three banks — Leumi, Hapoalim and Discount — has grown further. No less than 85 per cent of total fund assets are now managed by these banks and their subsidiaries.

B — Private brokers and portfolio managers are in charge of 37 out of the 109 existing funds, an apparently large proportion. In terms of value, however, these 37 funds have only 5.9 per cent of the assets in the industry.

C — Amongst the banks, both the large and small ones lost market shares to Bank Leumi. The 22 funds managed by the Leumi group through PIA, Ma'agar, Securities and Investments and Univet-Union Bank, held 45.2 per cent of the total market. This figure is up from 42.2 per cent at the end of 1983 and only 32.6 per cent at the end of 1982, when the Rieger-Fishman group of funds was at the height of its success.

The banks' domination is also evident from the list of the ten largest funds, which contains 2 Leumi-managed funds, with another 3 belonging to the Hapoalim group. Top of the list is Leumi's Tzamid, which invests in index-linked bonds and foreign currency, and whose portfolio was worth 159 billion (about \$60 million) at the end of March, 1984.

New appointment at Geri Chemicals

TEL AVIV. — Ben Milwidsky has joined Geri Chemicals in Binyamina. Milwidsky, who has written four books (in English) on detergents, will be in charge of

developing new products for Geri Chemicals. He worked for Geri Chemicals in his native South Africa and for Vitco Chemicals in Israel.

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| 31.12.1982 | 31.12.1983 | 31.12.1982 | 31.12.1983 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1,158,376 | 5,140,994 | 342,947 | 1,431,884 |
| 238,538 | 785,758 | | |
| 1,333,876 | 4,948,871 | 36,215 | 40,873 |
| 31,551 | 368,961 | 379,162 | 1,472,757 |
| 44,461 | 410,813 | 2,350,097 | 9,418,129 |
| 14,981 | 35,071 | 31,551 | 388,961 |
| | | 58,973 | 410,221 |
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SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

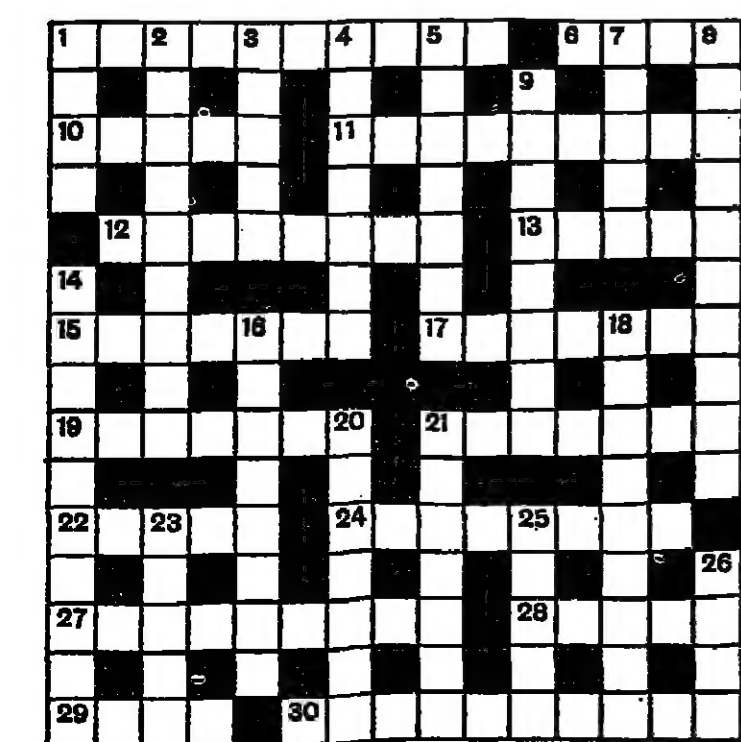
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| | 31.12.1983 | 31.12.1982 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Operating Income Before Taxes | 739,725 | 132,828 |
| Provision for Taxes on Operating Income | 16,176 | 33,659 |
| | 723,549 | 99,169 |
| Extraordinary Income, Net | 1,739 | 118 |
| Net Income | 725,288 | 99,287 |



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Leading 17, head of the 30, who instigated 24 (3, 7)
 - Points following American methods? (4)
 - Lady of Verona who loved 20 (5)
 - Huge packs of cigarettes I have showing (9)
 - Best shelled vehicle to have had with garlic butter? (8)
 - Different half of 1 across (5)
 - Not kosher to crave him? (7)
 - Any of 1 across, 10, 14, 20, 7, or 29 supply weapon from East to West in code (7)
 - Playwright follows the tool of his trade near Sunderland (7)
 - There! Tulip-centre country (7)
 - In dishonour I'd get a furrowed brow (5)
 - Official language at which journalists have to work hard? (8)
 - Tailor not in the shop, more in the pink? (9)
 - Quiet function of one of those in whom 20, 7 saw hope (5)
 - A specialist in 24 and uneasy metaphors (4)
 - Those in black overalls cause hesitation in pub festivity (5, 5)
- DOWN**
- An inoculation? Bottoms up, before California becomes part of Mexico (4)
 - For whom 1 across stirred hatred and oldest gin (9)
 - All but top of lariat reconstituted (5)
 - 1 across's most feared police, albeit kind of square (7)
 - Transported by taxi, etc (7)
 - See 20
 - Old weapons business ends (10)
 - Playing well, a beginner is casual (8)
 - 20's neighbour, denounced to military police, anno regni by children (3, 7)
 - Muscular Athenian surrounds Hellenic capital with Gallic article (8)
 - An Afrikaner rosette obtained for free? (2, 1, 6)
 - Churchill's schoolteacher who eventually loved 1 across? (7, 5)
 - I do agree, Sir Geoffrey, it's about time for rigger (3, 4)
 - You French need mother around — that's a fact (5)
 - Bubbly served as toast will do (5, 2)
 - What plus prefix means in 24's light (4)



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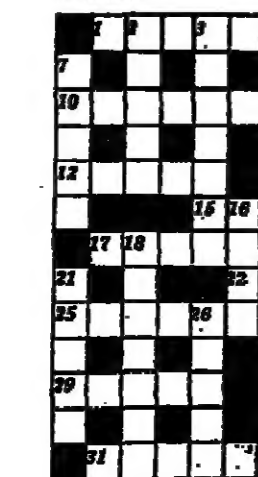
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WHAT'S ON

JERUSALEM MUSEUMS

Israel Museum, Opening Exhibitions (14.4): Face and Body, New Acquisitions in Photography, Continuing Exhibitions: Ryzman, Merose, "Happy Moments" (Opera), paintings: Henric, 45 Years of Design; David Schaefer, Posters and Advertisements; Tom Sedmann Freud, Illustrations of Children's Books; Scapes, Home Theatre Sets and Greeting Cards; Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art, Archaeology and Contemporary Israeli Art. 12 Pages from Cairo Geniza — Medieval Manuscripts, Special Exhibit: Works by Winners of 1984 Museum Prizes, Rockefeller Museum; Kadesh Barnea, Judean Kingdom Fortress; News in Antiquities, Finds from Phoenician Tomba, 10th to 7th cent. B.C.E.; How to Study the Past (for children, Paley Centre, next to Rockefeller Museum). Closed Saturdays.
Viking House: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour in English, 11 and 3:30. For children age 6-12, "My Favourite Stories and Songs" with Moti Barkan, 11 and 4: Children's Play, "King Solomon's Tales." Tomorrow: Main Museum 10-2. At 11: Guided tour in English, 11: For children age 6-12, "My Favourite Stories and Songs" with Moti Barkan, 11: Children's Play, "King Solomon's Tales." 11: Guided tour of Rockefeller Museum in English.

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Tel Aviv Museum, Exhibitions: Dr. Erich Salomon, from a Photographer's Life. Classic Images in the Art of the 20th Century. Classical Painting in 17th and 18th centuries: Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: Twentieth Century Art, Viking House: Sun-Thur. 10-10. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2. Helene Rubinstein Pavilion: New Exhibition A Pear and an Apple — Exhibition on Still-Life. Viking House: Sun-Thur. 9-1; Sat. 10-2. Fri. closed.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Rehov Sumsum 9.25 Cartoons 9.30 Bailey's Wings 10.15 Singing 10.30 Emergency Problems 10.45 Old Your Duff — physical fitness 15.00 Battle of the Planes 15.30 Rehov Sumsum 16.00 The Flame Trees of Thika (part 2) 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Between Us — bi-weekly children's magazine
18.30 Story Time
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Situation
18.45 Cartoons
19.00 Meeting — current affairs
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Match of the Week
20.30 Turpit — science and technology magazine
21.00 Mabab Newsweek
21.30 Reilly — Ace of Spies, Part II: The Last Journey
22.30 Time Panic — documentary about state and festival in Acre, September 1983
23.10 Harvest Jazz at Paul Masson
23.40 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 17.30 (JTV 3) Macaroni 18.00 French Hour 19.00 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Matchweek 21.00 Reggie 22.00 News in English 22.15 Feature film
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6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Siebert: Venture Bluesque; Saint-Saens: Wedding Feast, Op. 76; Saint-Saens: Caprice (Jean-Pascal Tortelier)
7.30 Grieg: Symphonic Dances, Op. 64 (Bourne-mouth, Berglund); Berwald: Piano Concerto No. 1; Spilhaus: Historical Scenes, Op. 24, No. 1; Nielsen: Symphony No. 3 (London Symphony, Ole Schmidt)
9.30 Brahms: Sereenade No. 1, Op. 11 (Concertgebouw, Haitink); Mendelssohn: Concerto for Two Pianos (John Ogdon, Brenda Lucas, Marilyn); Bach: Cantata (Leonard); Scriabin: Symphony, No. 1, Op. 26 (Radio Frankfurt, Inbal)
12.00 Schumann: Andante and Variations for 2 Pianos, 2 Celli and Horn, Op. 46 (Boris Berman, Arish Vardi, Meir Weiser, Saint-Saens: Trio No. 2, Op. 92 (Yuvall)
Gruber, Uri Vardi, Meir Weiser, Saint-Saens: Trio No. 2, Op. 92 (Yuvall)
13.05 Mendelssohn: Scherzo; Rodrigo: Concerto Pastoral (James Galway); Liszt: 2 Etudes Transcendentes (Nadav Tadmor); Bruch: Suite for Orchestra, Op. 79b; Yacov Gilboa: Kathros and Panterin (ISO); Handel: Excerpts from The Messiah
15.00 Mafek Vivia — Bruno Maderna: Honeyreves" (Gazzelloni, Canino); to be played four times

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Sunstroke; Eden: Never Say Never Again 4, 6.45, 9.15; Hahabib: 8; Laugh: Yenti 4, 6.45, 9.15; Mitchell: Terms of Endearment 6.45, 9.15; Orly: Christine 6.45, 9; Hadassah: Rain 12, 2, 4; Omer: Go for It 4, 6.45, 9; Return of Martin Guerre 4, 7, 9.15; Semadar: Vol 7, 9.15; Biased Ha'Am: Scarface 6, 9; Chess: Omi Annie 4.30; War Games 6.15; Sophie's Choice 9.
TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Alhambra: Mr. Mom; Ben-Yehuda: Big Laugh: Chess: Terms of Endearment 4.30, 7, 9.30; Cinderella 11, 2; Chess: Never Cry Wolf 4.35, 7.10, 9.40 (Sun, Mon. also 11.2); Chess 3: Cinderella 4.30, 7.10, 9.40; Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp 11, 2; Chess 4: Experience Preferred but not Essential 4.45, 7.15, 9.35; Peter Pan 11, 2; Chess 5: Trading Places 4.30, 7.20, 9.35; Lonely Lady Bug 4.30, 7.20; Chess One: Star Trek II — Wrath of Khan; Chess: Christine 4.35, 7.20, 9.35; Deke: To Be or not to Be 7.15, 9.30; Drive-In: Rain Window 9.30; Jungle Book 7.15; Sun film, 12 midnight; Esther: The Evil that Men Do 4.30, 7.15, 9.30 (Thur. 4.30 only); Gordon: Nanyama 4.30, 7, 9.30; Rod: Scarface 6.30, 9.30; Lev I: Return of Martin Guerre 1.30, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Lev II: The Exoner 1.30, 4.30, 7, 9.30; Linnet: Sunstroke; Madmen: Funny Lady 7.30; Mograbi: Honeyreves Consul.
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Amalthea: Les Strumps 11, 4, 6.45; The Wiz 9; America Go for It: Atman: Never Say Never Again 4, 6.30, 7; Chess: Return of Martin Guerre; Morla: Educating Rita 6.45; 9; Orly: Sunstroke; Orly: Cinderella 11, 4, 6.30; I Love You, Armen 9; Peers Terms of Endearment; Ben: Yenti; Shavit: Les Strumps 11, 4, 6.30; 9; Sophie's Choice 9.
RAMAT GAN
Armen: Rain Window 9.30; Cinderella 4, 6.30; Lily: Educating Rita 7.15, 9.30; Smurfs are Coming 10.30, 12.30; Omer: Terms of Endearment 7.15, 9.30; Argonim and Superman 4; Orly: Big Laugh 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: Christine 7.15, 9.30
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David: Big Laugh 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Thine: The Evil that Men Do 7.15, 9.15
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Sharon holds on

WHAT MAKES Arik run? That is the question that most members of the Herut Central Committee will be asking themselves today. Turning aside all appeals from friend and foe to avoid a contest with Mr. Shamir and to follow the conciliatory course of David Levy, Ariel Sharon has insisted upon challenging the Prime Minister today for the leadership position of his party, even though he knows he is likely to win only a small percentage of the votes.

Unlike Mr. Levy, Sharon can afford to be defeated, even roundly, by Mr. Shamir. His situation and, therefore, his purposes are different. Any percentage of votes in his favour in the Central Committee will show that he has at least some power base in the party. That is always of negotiable value. Moreover, the very attention, both in and outside the party, directed at his challenge amplifies this leverage.

That attention also serves another purpose. It alters the issue. Until now Sharon, as minister without portfolio, bore the mark of the Kahan Commission verdict. He wants to erase that, first by being Sharon the Contender, and then by parlaying this into an eventual power play to oust and replace Moshe Arens as defence minister.

If a Likud defeat in the elections were to make that academic, his challenge of Shamir would still position him well for any future contest for party leadership.

Thus while Sharon's stubborn determination to do battle with Mr. Shamir may appear unreasonable to outsiders, it can make good strategic sense from Sharon's own perspective.

From the national point of view, either possibility is sobering indeed. For Sharon is far from being repentant either about fomenting the war in Lebanon or fomenting much of the hostile cleavage that marks the Israeli body politic. His political narcissism remains firmly and visibly intact.

No doubt Mr. Shamir would prefer to push him into permanent oblivion, but there is no sign that he will muster the will to do so. Instead of declaring that Sharon is beyond the pale for any possible future Shamir Cabinet, the premier has made conciliatory noises. That, he probably believes, is good for Herut. But if that is true, then what is good for Herut, is definitely not good for the nation.

Need for fortnightly wage

THE 1982-84 wage agreements expired nearly two weeks ago. Meanwhile, negotiations for a new labour contract are progressing at snail's pace. Retroactive wage contracts have been standard practice in Israel for years, with each party to the wage bargain hoping to gain from delay. While there is no new agreement, the conditions of the old remain in operation. As a result, there is no great sense of urgency.

But the Histadrut should be in a greater hurry for the conditions of the wage and cost-of-living agreement that expired on March 31, designed as they were to cope with an inflation of 5 per cent a month, have in recent months become an instrument of the sharpest wage erosion that has been experienced in this country.

With a monthly inflation rate of 15 per cent, various *ad hoc* devices — wage advances, advances on the cost-of-living allowance, wage erosion compensation payments — have been contrived to mitigate the effects of the old agreement. The latest of these stop-gap devices is the advance of IS12,000 to be paid to public sector employees before Pesach. Employers in the private sector still refuse to follow the Treasury's lead, arguing that they cannot afford to do so.

Such stop-gap compensatory payments that have become frequent in recent months obviously cannot go on much longer. Labour relations must be governed by a set of stable rules. Chief among them should be transition from a quarterly adjustment of the cost-of-living allowance to a monthly adjustment, as demanded — but apparently not pressed with great urgency or force — by the Histadrut.

There is an additional demand which the Histadrut should press at the same time. Unlike the practice in most countries, where wage and salaries are paid weekly or fortnightly, in Israel they are paid monthly. That should be changed; salaries should now be paid on a fortnightly basis. With inflation running at two digits a month, wage earners would lose 5-7 per cent of the real value of their wages even if they were adjusted for inflation on a monthly basis, as the Histadrut proposes.

When the banks are paying nearly 5 per cent on a time deposit of two weeks, the loss to wage earners involved in monthly wage payments has been made more obvious than it was before. Employers may want to argue that a switch to fortnightly wages would be technically difficult or that they cannot afford such advances. But these arguments cannot be considered credible.

Firms have no technical difficulties when it comes to updating their prices. Price lists quoted in dollars have been universal practice, and they are translated into shekels on a daily basis without any difficulty. A look at the wholesale price index for industrial goods, which has risen in recent months faster than the consumer price index, should provide the answer to the argument that producers "cannot afford" to pay wages more frequently.

The argument that a switchover to fortnightly wage payments would be tantamount to paying advances every month stands reality on its head. It is the worker who, getting his pay long after he has done his work, gives an interest-free, unlinked advance to his employer. With inflation eating into his real wages at the present rate, it is the worker who can no longer afford these advances.

Peace and no-war

By MORDECHAI NISAN

WHILE King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that there is "a time for war and a time for peace," the historical record of the Arab-Israeli conflict points to a wide range of less absolute alternatives. We have known the absence of conventional war, and yet persistent terrorist warfare; there have been armistice agreements and cease-fires, which were intended to serve as a prelude to peace, though a state of war continues. The Arab world devised the idea of a staged peace, though that is a devious formula for war by non-violent methods rather than an authentic search for genuine regional reconciliation.

The phantom of peace continues to elude Israel, as we focus our concern on the goal of no-war. These two distinct ideas require clarification if we are to understand that peace is an active, purposeful orientation based on a radical change of sentiment. No-war is a more passive though intent stance based on a projection of strategy. Peace seeks to alter the attitudes of the Arabs, their ideological principles and policy priorities; no-war seeks to convey Israel's determination in order to compel Arab military restraint.

The way of peace wants to engage the Arabs in open, direct dialogue through the medium of negotiations. A show of Israeli goodwill is considered necessary to obtain a like Arab response. The way of no-war posits the value of tacit bargaining communicated through "sign-language" actions on the ground. A show of Israeli power is designed to convey an ability to use it; if the message is successfully conveyed, that power will not be used.

The Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty of 1979 has expressed itself primarily in an agreement of no-war. It is certainly interesting to recall that no-war was Sadat's term early in the honeymoon period of contact, and perhaps he wanted to hint that the real essence of the treaty would be no more, and no less, than no-war. This is, in fact, what has happened as the cultural and commercial

content of the peace has been drained of most of its meaning. But the core element, which is central to Israeli national interests, remains no-war, and that is what we now have with Egypt.

AFTER ISRAEL'S complete territorial pullback from Sinai, Egypt continues to expand its military power in a disturbing fashion. After offering inducements for true normal relations, Israel finds itself with much less than peace. For the time being, we have learnt that a peace treaty does not assure peace but only a situation of no-war.

All of this is significant in the Israeli public's overwhelming feeling that it is imperative to avoid war. The debate between the parties in the country is decidedly not between those who want peace and those who do not. It is, rather, between two camps that believe in different strategies to peace. More specifically, one camp is really talking about peace, the other really about no-war.

The approach of the Labour Party is to negotiate a peace treaty with Jordan, based on a partial withdrawal from Judea and Samaria. This is consistent with the notion of peace as an act, an event that takes place to wipe away the long and bitter dispute that touches on geography, ideology, history, strategy, and religion. Peace-making is here portrayed as an act of high diplomacy, motivated by vision and guided by pragmatism, which elevates Hussein to a pinnacle role in regional conflict-resolution. History suggests, however, that Jordan is not an independent actor, and that it is unable either to make war or peace alone.

Israeli relations with Jordan are based on the fundamental reality of a 17-year period of no-war. This formidable achievement well-appreciated during the days of the Yom Kippur War and since in particular, is not due to a changed Jordanian attitude towards Israel.

Proximity can often hinder

perspective, and therefore it is important to remind ourselves that the obviousness of the trees blinds us to the forest, or the visibility of the rocks (in our case) distracts from the view of the mountains from which they come. Jordan's passivity, leading to the maintenance of one of the quietest borders in the Middle East, is primarily due to Israel's deterrent capacity across the river. There is a balance based on mutual strategic viability that has assured our most vital objective on the eastern front: no-war.

The approach of Likud is to live with the ambiguity deriving from the absence of peace with Jordan, based on the strategic proposition that territorial retention is necessary to deter Arab aggression. The focus is more on preventing war rather than on making peace, though no-war can be a step in the historical process of creating the conditions for peace with Jordan. Even now, tacit cooperation between Israel and Jordan in Judea and Samaria, plus the reality of open bridges, are positive dimensions of something more than just no-war: perhaps détente, but not yet true peace.

Rather than the dramatic but dangerous diplomatic theatricalism proposed by Labour, the Likud (which engaged in this with Egypt) advocates and implements the mundane approach of Israeli control as a symbol of Jewish commitment to Zionist goals. Ben-Gurion once said that "only after total despair on the part of the Arabs... as a consequence of our growth in the country, may the Arabs possibly acquiesce in a Jewish Eretz-Israel." The entrenchment and growth by Ben-Gurion, as by Jabotinsky, not as an obstacle to peace-making, of Zionism, but as the necessary condition for it.

It is an irony of history that while Labour deplored the value of declarations and documents in Zionism's formative period, it has now come to rely on their importance in looking towards relations with Jordan. Just as Zionism was not built by signed agreements

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so, too, peace was not achieved by that political route. Once again, the treaty with Egypt is a sobering lesson of this. The Camp David Accords brought no-war, but Israel already enjoys that situation with Jordan — and without a peace treaty.

IN SUMMARY, the goal of no-war with Jordan is the more realistic approach for Israel in the Middle East arena, not for any ideological considerations but for the simple reason that politics is the art of the possible.

The Torah taught us a long time ago that even the Garden of Eden did not satisfy all of man's desires. Adam had almost everything, but life was not complete; he was forbidden to eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. Instead of heeding the warning and enjoying the multitude of benefits from his situation, Adam took the dangerous step towards utopian perfection. Lacking little and wanting all, he lost everything. Israel is still the target of Arab

terrorism in the streets of Jerusalem, but it can chase the perpetrators effectively throughout Judea and Samaria without having to cross into a Jordanian-ruled West Bank in "hot pursuit," or without being prevented from doing so. Israel is still in a state of war with Jordan, but there have been no hostilities between us and Jordan for many years. Israel has not convinced the U.S. of its rights to Judea and Samaria, but it has successfully maneuvered into a highly favourable position in relations with America, nonetheless.

The absence of full, official peace on our eastern front with Jordan is more disturbing; it would appear, to the emotional yearnings of Israel than it is problematic to its political or strategic position. The people of Israel ought to begin to understand that much of what they want, they already have; and what they lack is, at this stage of history, unattainable and perhaps not even advisable.

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READERS' LETTERS

POVERTY STATISTICS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your editorial staff member, Macabee Dean, is so eager to attack the statistics of "These so-called hard times" that he makes the simplest of mistakes himself ("Strange kind of austerity", March 4). The facts that so many have their own cars that there is a shortage of parking spaces and "the plush restaurants... seem to be doing very well in these terrible times" do not disprove at all the finding that "one of every eight people in Israel exist below the poverty line".

In many countries, these conditions of increasing prosperity and increasing poverty exist at one and the same time, and simple reliance on averages is misleading. In Britain at least, the growth in affluence is even helping to cause the increase in poverty. The benefits of the better-off are being achieved at the expense of the poor — and so deepening their poverty. Mr. Dean should enquire whether the same trend is not evident in Israel.

I fear that at present he is in danger of using statistics as drunks use lamp posts — not to light them on their way, but to support them in their instability.

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Macabee Dean comments:
If the learned professor would base his findings not so much on the statistics he reads, but on what he actually sees in the field, we believe

he might have a sudden urge (which we hope he controls) to find another use for lamp posts; to hang those who misled him.

We suggest he take one thousand consecutive names of a regular list supplied by the National Insurance Institute, and go (with his students) to check out how many actually live below the poverty line. After he does this, we believe he will question the assumption that every eighth Israeli lives below the poverty line.

The figures supplied by the NII show how many persons get welfare payments — not how many need them. A considerable portion of these persons have sources of income which they do not report. And it is virtually impossible to discover these sources.

After all, if the Histadrut is to be believed, 30 per cent of the Israeli economy is "underground," and all the income tax commando raids only manage to tap a tiny portion of it. Any serious investigation into the true status of those allegedly living below the "poverty line" would raise a howl of protest from Tami, which published the original figures for its political needs.

In Israel, it is the rare person who does not demand everything he can possibly get from the Government — whether he needs it or not. It is the national pastime.

As a social scientist, Professor Sinfield should have learned by now to be suspicious of any statement issued by an interested public body. He should also cast a suspicious eye at any figure like 500,000 (or one in eight) which is rounded off to the nearest 100,000.

INFANT NUTRITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Israel enjoys a laudable position in the forefront of many aspects of medicine — emergency medicine, cancer research and surgery, to name a few. Therefore, it saddens and bewilders me all the more why we are so old-fashioned and even at times reactionary in the vital and basic area of infant nutrition. Dr. J. Wilczek's letter of March 23 horrified me.

To add to his comments, I would like to point out the confusing messages mothers receive from hospital nurses and Tipat Halav nurses about breastfeeding. Mothers are officially encouraged to breastfeed after birth, but are given virtually no prenatal instruction on the subject, and woefully inadequate support and often incorrect advice after birth.

Nurses from both institutions are admittedly terribly overworked. What is urgently required within the framework of public health/primary care is a well-publicized and strongly-supported programme of prenatal breastfeeding education conducted by qualified breastfeeding counsellors. These counsellors could relieve the Tipat Halav nurses of a considerable burden.

In addition, a widespread outreach programme encouraging and facilitating long-term breastfeeding through understanding and support would cause morbidity figures in infantile gastroenteritis, upper respiratory infections, and childhood diseases with ensuing complications to fall considerably. This can only be good for our children, who are, after all, our future. JUDY HOLTZER KNOPP
Beersheba.

THE PARADOX OF BEING AT HOME IN EXILE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am grateful to Marsha Pomerantz for the opportunity of her interview (March 2), yet I must protest a disturbing line in it. Characterizing her own question as "gauche," Marsha Pomerantz inquires of me: "Now that the state exists and [you] are one of its staunch defenders, would [you] consider living here?" She replies on my behalf — and it is her own conclusion — "Unlikely."

The position I am least likely to hold concerning Israel is the rejection of aliya, whether for myself or for any other member of the Jewish people. I recognize that aliya is an immense act of personal as well as historical restitution.

It was out of this very recognition that I was initially distressed by the situation of the English-language writers I met on a panel one evening in Ramat Gan. Here were gifted and luminous lives, whole as Jews. Yet every writer's secret homeland is the language he or she writes in, the imagination's house; and in this second, passionate homeland of mother-tongue, these Jews of integrity and fidelity led, it appeared, fragmented and marginal lives. I was struck by the paradox and felt an instantaneous alliance with the poignancy of literary isolation: in the heart of Return, a splinter of exile.

I have been reflecting continually on this since the meeting at Ramat Gan, which also included impressive readings of poems and stories in English, and reminded myself that the Yiddish writers in New York also once seemed marginal in the eyes of the larger, literary com-

munity; and yet one of their number won the Nobel Prize for literature. And while Agnon is sure to have an Israeli successor writing in Hebrew, who is to say that an Israeli writing in English will not also one day make that journey to the Swedish King?

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Marsha Pomerantz comments:
What seemed unlikely, given her distress at the situation of English writers here, was that Cynthia Ozick would decide, in the foreseeable future, to move to Israel. I did not mean to suggest she rejects aliya or takes the matter lightly. I think the interview bears out her sensitivity to the paradox of exile in homecoming.

I call the question "gauche" because it is asked so regularly and indiscriminately by Israelis who think they know what the answer should be — without taking into account the complexities of the question and its personal nature.

I understand that premise because Ozick is a vigorous porter of Israel and aliya, yet there is in and on English, the question's source of conflict for her. Right Zionist in New York, the paradox being at home in exile.

I am uncomfortable with the romanticizing of aliya. Some of us who moved here may be "Jews of integrity and fidelity," others of us are Jews of curiosity and happenstance. Integrity and fidelity can be expressed in other ways, elsewhere.

If paradoxes could be resolved in life, who would write books?

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